



INDIANA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

Friday Update: August 9, 2002

Stipends for Mentor Teachers 2001-02

We received word this morning that the allotment of funds for stipends for 2001-02 mentor teachers has been completed. The checks are being run and should be available to mail next week. We are also verifying that teachers in non-public schools have an original W-9 on file with us so there is no delay in processing your checks. Note: The allotment included funds for 2002-03 stipends so we do not expect a delay in payments for next academic year.

National Board Certification

The IPSB has produced a white paper on the "Status of National Board Certified Teachers In Indiana." This paper attempts to better understand why so few Indiana teachers have sought National Board certification as compared to other states. The intent of this study was to:

- a. Determine characteristics of National Board certification applicants;
- b. Ascertain how they are informed of the process;
- c. Determine the difficulty of the certification process;
- d. Determine the current support provided to candidates in Indiana; and
- e. Discover the kinds of process support needed for future Indiana candidates.

For an electronic copy of this white paper, contact Mary Glenn Rinne at mgrinne@psb.state.in.us.

On-line Limited Criminal History Reports

Because of the potential for an applicant to alter a "limited criminal history" that has been obtained online from the Indiana State Police, the IPSB will accept such online histories only from school corporations or institutions of higher education. In other words, an individual may not simply download a limited criminal history to his or her computer and submit it with a license application. On the other hand, if a school corporation, college or university downloads it and submits it directly to PSB, it will be accepted.

Licensing

This is the time of year when staff in licensing is especially focused on processing applications right before the start of the school year. If you need verification of eligibility for licensing, please contact the licensing advisor at the institution where the course work was completed. Evaluation and processing of out-of-state applications is running four to eight weeks if all of the required materials are submitted and eight to twelve weeks if we must wait on materials to complete the application. Thank you for your patience.

Online and Out of State Programs

As of July 1, 2002, the status of on-line or out of state graduate programs for recognition by the Indiana Professional Standards Board will be based on licensing action as follows:

Actions on Existing Licenses. On-line or on-location in state master's programs that are offered by out-of-state institutions in Indiana will be recognized by the IPSB if the institution is 1) NCATE accredited or 2) regionally accredited. Course work and master's degrees from these programs will be recognized for the following actions on existing licenses:

1. Rules 46 & 47 renewal
2. Rules 46 & 47 professionalization if content and professional education course work requirements are met
3. Rules 46 & 47 addition if content course work requirements are met
4. Rules 2002 accomplished practitioner if master's degree is met

Original Licensing Actions. On-line or on-location in state master's programs that are offered by out-of-state institutions in Indiana will be recognized by the IPSB if the institution is 1) NCATE accredited with a Unit Assessment System under NCATE 2000 or 2) IPSB accredited through the approval of a Unit Assessment System. Course work and master's degrees from these programs will be recognized for the following original licensing actions:

1. Rules 2002 initial practitioner license instructional
2. Rules 2002 initial practitioner license administrative
3. Rules 2002 initial practitioner license school services

For ALL licensing actions, applicants must meet all IPSB requirements for the license: teaching experience, criminal background check, testing, etc, not just the course work or degree.

Commercial Providers. Commercial providers that want to offer courses either on-line or on location in Indiana must be in partnership with an IPSB accredited Indiana institution that will grant the credit. A commercial provider is defined as a company or organization that must use an accredited institution of higher education to award graduate or undergraduate credit for work. A commercial provider does not have the accreditation or autonomy to grant credit or degrees.

Did you know? The next meeting of the IPSB is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18.